



The OVC **VOCA** Center

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Support for Victim Compensation Program Administrators

- ❑ Addressing Gaps in Services
- ❑ Improving Grant Administration
- ❑ Increasing Compensation Benefits
- ❑ Streamlining Application Processes
- ❑ Implementing Trauma-informed Practices
- ❑ Reaching Underserved Populations
- ❑ Sharing Best Practices
- ❑ Effective Outreach to Crime Victims
- ❑ Virtual Learning Communities and Online Resources
- ❑ New Administrator Academy
- ❑ Peer Coaching
- ❑ Meeting and Networking Opportunities
- ❑ Addressing Crime Victim Barriers to Accessing Compensation

VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021

Good Cause Exceptions for Cooperating with Law Enforcement

A program can waive the requirement for a victim to cooperate with law enforcement if a program determines such cooperation may be impacted due to a victim's age, physical condition, psychological state, cultural or linguistic barriers, or any other health or safety concern that jeopardizes the victim's wellbeing.

Compensation Formula Allocation Increase

Increases the victim compensation allocation from 60% to 75% of eligible payouts to victims from non-federal sources.

Restitution and Subrogation Revenue

*Section 1402(b)(3) of the
Victims of Crime Act of 1984
(34 U.S.C. 20101) is amended
to say:*

For the purposes of calculating amounts awarded in the previous fiscal year under this subsection, the Director shall not require eligible crime victim compensation programs to deduct recovery costs or collections from restitution or from subrogation for payment under a civil lawsuit.

No Cost Extensions

The VOCA Fix provides that the United States Attorney General has the discretion to review and award renewals and extensions beyond the year of the award plus three subsequent years.

VICTIM COMPENSATION

Opening The Doors: Changes in Eligibility Rules

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM ET

SESSION GOALS

- To expand Victim Compensation Administrators' existing knowledge of what is considered “good cause” for not cooperating with law enforcement and prosecution.
- To learn, under what circumstances, Victim Compensation Programs waive the requirement for a police report to be filed for eligibility of compensation.

Let's Hear From the Panel

Lynda Gledhill, California

Robert Hamill, Iowa

Brian Hendrix, Oklahoma

Frank Zubia, New Mexico



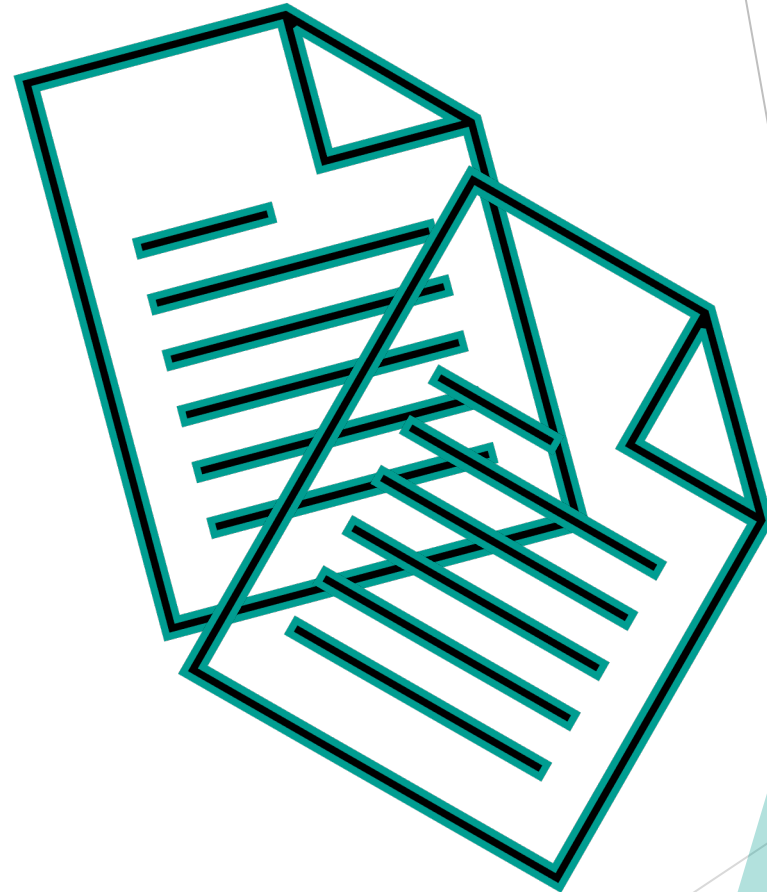
Poll Question



Does your state have
a good cause
exception policy or
procedure for not
cooperating with law
enforcement?

Poll Question

What other documents can your program use in lieu of a police report to validate the crime?



Poll Question



Are you interested in expanding your state's ability to find good cause for not reporting or cooperating?

Breakout Sessions



15 minutes to
discuss with
peers

Select 1 person to
report back on 2-
3 main points or
ideas



Breakout Session Report Out

Session Wrap-Up



Use
Camera to
Access
Session
Survey

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